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PACKAGE FOR VIDARBHA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any suggestions from some public representatives for providing a Vidarbha like package for the most backward areas of Bundelkhand in Uttar Pradesh for welfare of farmers and removing regional imbalance;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action thereon; and

(c) the time by which the said financial package for the development of the area is likely to be announced?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)to(c): Yes, Sir. The Government of Uttar Pradesh and some public representatives requested for study of the drought like conditions in the Bundelkhand areas and some tehsils in Allahabad district of Uttar Pradesh and provision of Central assistance to tackle the situation. An Inter- Ministerial Central Team visited the Bundelkhand areas and some tehsils in Allahabad district of Uttar Pradesh in the 4th week of January, 2008, to study the drought like situation in these areas with a view to assessing the ground situation and the scale of implementation of various medium- term and long-term drought mitigation programmes/schemes and to recommend strategy and various measures that are required for agriculture development suitable for the areas to ameliorate the current situation. Further action would be taken after receipt of the Team`s report.